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Help is on hand for Perth's homeless

While some people consider brushing their teeth a daily chore, many of Perth's homeless never have the choice.

Now, thanks to a helping hand from P&N Bank's unique Helping &nd grants, a local support group is providing the homeless with care-packs that include the creature comforts many of us take for granted.

Perth Homeless Support Group is one of five recipients of P&N's quarterly \$1,000 program.

Founder Ron Reid believes the contribution will greatly assist the homeless maintain dignity.

"We are so grateful to P&N Bank for this grant," said Ron.

"Our Group takes a hands-on approach by responding to the needs in a practical way, so this grant will go a long way to assist us produce more care-packs.

"This includes anything you would think was a normal part of life such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, women's personal hygiene products and other toiletries.

"We believe everyone can make a difference to a homeless person's day simply by buying them a meal, offering food, water or toiletries, even buying them a coffee."

P&N Perth City Branch Manager Jessica Mills said the bank was thrilled to be able to provide assistance to Ron and all the volunteers from Perth Homeless Support Group.

"This is what our Helping &nd program is all about," said Jessica.

"Empowering P&N Bank members to nominate worthy individuals and groups in our community and, in the case of groups, affording them the opportunity to decide where community funds are distributed.

"As WA's largest customer owned bank; this is why we exist – to support our members and the community in which we live."

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